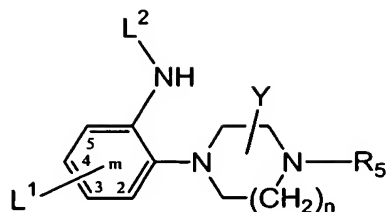


What is claimed is:

1. A compound of formula (I):



*formula (I)*

and enantiomers, diastereomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

5 L¹ is a substituent moiety having a variable position “m”, wherein “m” represents a carbon atom number corresponding to a point of attachment for the L¹ substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (I);

L¹ is selected from the group consisting of R₁b, R₂-C(O), R₁a-SO₂ and R₁a-O(O)C-;

10 R₁a is C₁-8alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁-8alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁-8)alkylamino, di(C₁-8)alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

15 R₁b is C₁-8alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁-8)alkylamino, di(C₁-8)alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

R₂ is heterocyclyl optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C₁-8alkyl;

20 L² is selected from the group consisting of R₃-C(O)-, R₄-SO₂-, R₆-NHC(S)- and R₆-NHC(O)-;

R₃ is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C₁-8alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently  
25 selected from the group consisting of C₁-8alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁-4)alkylamino, di(C₁-4)alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl;  
wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents

independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl,  
C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano,  
halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom  
with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or  
more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting  
of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(b) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected  
from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino,  
mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;  
and,

(c) heteroaryl optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, and  
optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a  
substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino,  
mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and  
aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents  
independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy,  
amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and  
nitro;

R<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

(d) C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently  
selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl; and,

(e) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected  
from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino,  
mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R<sub>6</sub> is aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected  
from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino,  
mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R<sub>5</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

- (f) C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or more aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl; wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and, wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- (g) C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- (h) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

Y is one or more optionally present C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted;

m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the L<sup>1</sup> substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (I); and, n is an integer from 1 to 2.

2. The compound of claim 1, wherein when  $L^2$  is  $R_3-C(O)-$  and  $R_3$  is selected from the group consisting of unsubstituted  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, substituted aryl, unsubstituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl and unsubstituted heteroaryl, then  $L^1$  is  $R_2-C(O)$ .
- 5 3. The compound of claim 1, wherein when  $L^2$  is  $R_3-C(O)-$  and  $R_3$  is selected from the group consisting of unsubstituted  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, substituted aryl, unsubstituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl and unsubstituted heteroaryl, then  $R_5$  is  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl optionally substituted with one or more optionally substituted aryl substituents.
- 10 4. The compound of claim 1, wherein when  $L^2$  is  $R_4-SO_2-$  and  $R_4$  is unsubstituted  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, then  $L^1$  is  $R_2-C(O)$ , wherein  $R_2$  is substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclyl.
- 15 5. The compound of claim 1, wherein when  $L^2$  is  $R_4-SO_2-$  and  $R_4$  is unsubstituted  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, then  $R_5$  is  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl optionally substituted with one or more optionally substituted aryl substituents.
- 20 6. The compound of claim 1, wherein when  $L^1$  is selected from the group consisting of  $R_{1b}$  and  $R_{1a}-O(O)C-$ , then  $L^2$  is  $R_6-NHC(O)-$ , wherein  $R_6$  is substituted or unsubstituted aryl.
- 25 7. The compound of claim 1, wherein when  $L^1$  is selected from the group consisting of  $R_{1b}$  and  $R_{1a}-O(O)C-$ , then  $R_5$  is  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl optionally substituted with one or more optionally substituted aryl substituents.
- 30 8. The compound of claim 1, wherein  $R_{1a}$  is  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of  $C_{1-8}$ alkoxy, amino, mono( $C_{1-8}$ )alkylamino, di( $C_{1-8}$ )alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;
- $R_{1b}$  is  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono( $C_{1-8}$ )alkylamino, di( $C_{1-8}$ )alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

R<sub>3</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

- 5 (a) C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl;  
wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,  
10 wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- 15 (b) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- 20 (c) heteroaryl optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy,  
25 amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

- 30 (d) C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl; and,
- (e) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino,

mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R<sub>6</sub> is aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino,

5 mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R<sub>5</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

(f) C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently  
10 selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;

wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl,  
15 C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting  
20 of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(g) C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;  
25 and,

(h) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;  
and,

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Y is one or two optionally present C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro,

C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted;

9. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L<sup>2</sup> is R<sub>3</sub>-C(O)- and R<sub>3</sub> is selected from the group consisting of unsubstituted C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, substituted aryl, unsubstituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl and unsubstituted heteroaryl, then R<sub>5</sub> is C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two optionally substituted aryl substituents.
10. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L<sup>2</sup> is R<sub>4</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub>- and R<sub>4</sub> is unsubstituted C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, then R<sub>5</sub> is C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two optionally substituted aryl substituents.
11. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L<sup>1</sup> is selected from the group consisting of R<sub>1b</sub> and R<sub>1a</sub>-O(O)C-, then R<sub>5</sub> is C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two optionally substituted aryl substituents.
12. The compound of claim 1, wherein  
R<sub>1a</sub> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;
- R<sub>1b</sub> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;
- R<sub>2</sub> is piperazinyl optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;
- L<sup>2</sup> is selected from the group consisting of R<sub>3</sub>-C(O)-, R<sub>4</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub>- and R<sub>6</sub>-NHC(O)-;
- R<sub>3</sub> is selected from the group consisting of
- (a) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl;

- (b) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy; and,
- (c) heteroaryl optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

- (d) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl; and,
- (e) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R<sub>6</sub> is aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R<sub>5</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

- (f) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;
- wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano,

halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(g) C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(h) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

Y is absent;

m is an integer from 3 to 4 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the L<sup>1</sup> substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (I); and, n is 1.

13. The compound of claim 12, wherein R<sub>1a</sub> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

R<sub>1b</sub> is hydroxy(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl-;

R<sub>3</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

(b) phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy; and,

(c) furyl optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and aryl,

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

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R<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

- (d) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl; and,
- (e) phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, 10 mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

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R<sub>6</sub> is phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

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R<sub>5</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

- (f) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents, wherein aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;
- (g) C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl; and,
- (h) aryl.

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14. The compound of claim 13, wherein R<sub>3</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

- (a) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;
- (b) phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl and halogen; and,
- (c) furyl optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl and phenyl; 30 wherein said phenyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl and halogen;

R<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

- (d) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl; and,
- (e) phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl and halogen;

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R<sub>6</sub> is phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, amino, halogen and hydroxy; and,

10 R<sub>5</sub> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two phenyl substituents, wherein phenyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, amino, halogen and hydroxy.

15 15. The compound of claim 1, wherein R<sub>1a</sub> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy.

20 16. The compound of claim 1, wherein R<sub>1a</sub> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one substituent selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy.

17. The compound of claim 1, wherein R<sub>1a</sub> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl.

25 18. The compound of claim 1, wherein R<sub>1b</sub> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino and hydroxy.

30 19. The compound of claim 1, wherein R<sub>1b</sub> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one substituent selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy.

20. The compound of claim 1, wherein R<sub>1b</sub> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy.

21. The compound of claim 1, wherein R<sub>2</sub> is piperazinyl optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl.
- 5 22. The compound of claim 1, wherein L<sup>2</sup> is R<sub>3</sub>-C(O)-.
23. The compound of claim 22, wherein R<sub>3</sub> is selected from the group consisting of
- 10 (a) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl;
- (b) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;
- 15 (c) heteroaryl optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy,
- 20 amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.
24. The compound of claim 22, wherein R<sub>3</sub> is selected from the group consisting of
- 25 (a) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;
- (b) phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy; and,
- 30 (c) furyl optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and

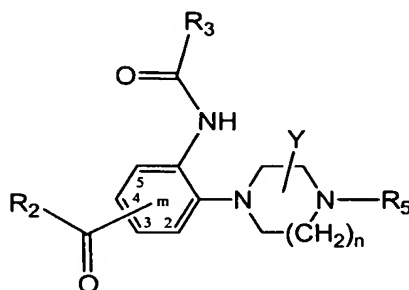
nitro.

25. The compound of claim 22, wherein  $R_3$  is selected from the group consisting of
- (a)  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl;
- 5 (b) phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently  
selected from the group consisting of  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl and halogen; and,
- (c) furyl optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with  
a substituent selected from the group consisting of  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl and phenyl;  
wherein said phenyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents
- 10 independently selected from the group consisting of  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl and halogen.
26. The compound of claim 1, wherein  $L^2$  is  $R_3-C(O)-$  and  $R_5$  is  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl optionally  
substituted with one or two optionally substituted aryl substituents.
- 15 27. The compound of claim 26, wherein  $R_3$  is selected from the group consisting of
- (a)  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently  
selected from the group consisting of  $C_{1-8}$ alkoxy, amino, mono( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino,  
di( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl;
- (b) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected
- 20 from the group consisting of  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy, amino,  
mono( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino, di( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;
- (c) heteroaryl optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, and  
optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a  
substituent selected from the group consisting of  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy, amino,
- 25 mono( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino, di( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and  
aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents  
independently selected from the group consisting of  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  
amino, mono( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino, di( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and  
nitro.
- 30 28. The compound of claim 1, wherein  $L^2$  is  $R_4-SO_2-$ .
29. The compound of claim 28, wherein  $R_4$  is selected from the group consisting of

- (d) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl; and,
- (e) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.
30. The compound of claim 28, wherein R<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of
- (d) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl; and,
- (e) phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl and halogen.
31. The compound of claim 1, wherein L<sup>2</sup> is R<sub>4</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub>- and R<sub>5</sub> is C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two optionally substituted aryl substituents.
32. The compound of claim 31, wherein R<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of
- (d) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl; and,
- (e) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.
33. The compound of claim 1, wherein L<sup>2</sup> is R<sub>6</sub>-NHC(O)-.
34. The compound of claim 33, wherein R<sub>6</sub> is phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.
35. The compound of claim 1, wherein L<sup>2</sup> is R<sub>6</sub>-NHC(O)- and R<sub>5</sub> is C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two optionally substituted aryl substituents.

36. The compound of claim 35, wherein R<sub>6</sub> is phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.
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37. The compound of claim 1, wherein R<sub>5</sub> is selected from the group consisting of
- (f) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, 10 mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;
- (g) C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; 15 and,
- (h) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.
- 20 38. The compound of claim 1, wherein R<sub>5</sub> is selected from the group consisting of
- (f) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents, wherein aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- 25 (g) C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl; and,
- (h) aryl.
39. The compound of claim 1, wherein R<sub>5</sub> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two phenyl substituents, wherein phenyl is optionally substituted with 30 one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, amino, halogen and hydroxy.

40. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (I) is selected from a compound of formula (Ia):



*formula (Ia)*

and enantiomers, diastereomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:  
R<sub>2</sub>-C(O)- is a substituent moiety having a variable position “m”, wherein “m”

- 5 represents a carbon atom number corresponding to a point of attachment for the  
R<sub>2</sub>-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ia);

R<sub>2</sub> is heterocyclyl optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl;

- 10 R<sub>3</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently  
selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl;

- 15 wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents  
independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl,

C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano,  
halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

- 20 wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom  
with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or  
more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting  
of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

- (b) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected  
from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino,  
25 mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;  
and,

- (c) heteroaryl optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- 10 R<sub>5</sub> is selected from the group consisting of
- (f) C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or more aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;
- 15 wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- 20 wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- 25 (g) C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- (h) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
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Y is one or more optionally present C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted;

m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the R<sub>2</sub>-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ia); and, n is an integer from 1 to 2.

41. The compound of claim 40, wherein R<sub>3</sub> is selected from the group consisting of  
(a) C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(b) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(c) heteroaryl optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy,

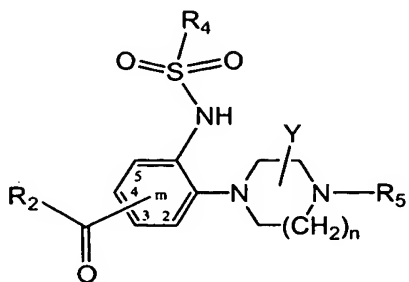
amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R<sub>5</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

- 5 (f) C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;
- 10 wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- 15 wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- 20 (g) C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- 25 (h) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

Y is one or two optionally present C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, 30 mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted.

42. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (I) is selected from a compound of formula (Ib):



*formula (Ib)*

and enantiomers, diastereomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:  
R<sub>2</sub>-C(O)- is a substituent moiety having a variable position “m”, wherein “m”

- 5 represents a carbon atom number corresponding to a point of attachment for the  
R<sub>2</sub>-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ib);

R<sub>2</sub> is heterocyclyl optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl;

- 10 R<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

- (d) C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently  
selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl; and,  
(e) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected  
15 from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino,  
mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R<sub>5</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

- (f) C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or more aryl substituents, wherein said  
20 aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently  
selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino,  
mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl'  
and heteroaryl;  
wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or more substituents  
25 independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl,  
C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano,

halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(g) C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(h) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

Y is one or more optionally present C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted;

m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the R<sub>2</sub>-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ib); and, n is an integer from 1 to 2.

43. The compound of claim 42, wherein R<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

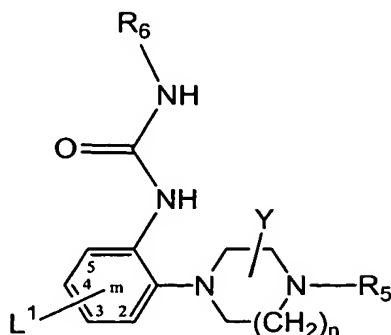
(d) C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, hydroxy, aryl and heteroaryl; and,

(e) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R<sub>5</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

- (f) C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl; wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and, wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- (g) C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- (h) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- Y is one or two optionally present C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted.

44. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (I) is selected from a compound of formula (Ic):



*formula (Ic)*

and enantiomers, diastereomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

- $L^1$  is a substituent moiety having a variable position “m”, wherein “m” represents a  
5 carbon atom number corresponding to a point of attachment for the  $L^1$   
substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ic);

$L^1$  is selected from the group consisting of  $R_{1b}$ ,  $R_{1a}$ -SO<sub>2</sub>- and  $R_{1a}$ -O(O)C-;

- 10  $R_{1a}$  is C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently  
selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino,  
di(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

- 15  $R_{1b}$  is C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently  
selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino,  
di(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

- 20  $R_6$  is aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected  
from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino,  
mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

- $R_5$  is selected from the group consisting of  
25 (f) C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or more aryl substituents, wherein said  
aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently  
selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino,

mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;

wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or more substituents

independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl,

5 C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom

with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or

more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting

10 of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(g) C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents

independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy,

amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and

15 nitro; and,

(h) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected

from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino,

mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

20 Y is one or more optionally present C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted;

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m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the L<sup>1</sup> substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ic); and, n is an integer from 1 to 2.

30 45. The compound of claim 44, wherein

R<sub>1a</sub> is C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently

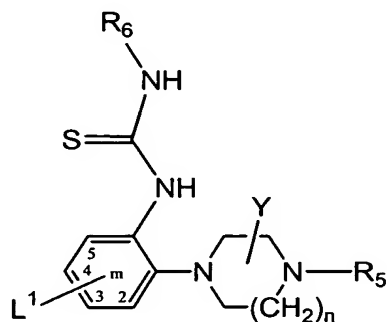
selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino,

di(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

- $R_{1b}$  is  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono( $C_{1-8}$ )alkylamino, di( $C_{1-8}$ )alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;
- 5
- $R_6$  is aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-8}$ alkoxy, amino, mono( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino, di( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- 10
- $R_5$  is selected from the group consisting of
- (f)  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-8}$ alkoxy, amino, mono( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino, di( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;
- 15
- wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-8}$ alkoxy, amino, mono( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino, di( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- 20
- wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-8}$ alkoxy, amino, mono( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino, di( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- 25
- (g)  $C_{3-8}$ cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-8}$ alkoxy, amino, mono( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino, di( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- (h) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected
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- from the group consisting of  $C_{1-8}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-8}$ alkoxy, amino, mono( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino, di( $C_{1-4}$ )alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

Y is one or two optionally present C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted.

46. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (I) is selected from a compound of formula (Id):



**formula (Id)**

and enantiomers, diastereomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

10 L<sup>1</sup> is a substituent moiety having a variable position “m”, wherein “m” represents a carbon atom number corresponding to a point of attachment for the L<sup>1</sup> substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Id);

15 L<sup>1</sup> is selected from the group consisting of R<sub>1b</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>-C(O)-, R<sub>1a</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub>- and R<sub>1a</sub>-O(O)C-;

R<sub>1a</sub> is C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

20 R<sub>1b</sub> is C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

25 R<sub>2</sub> is heterocyclyl optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl;

- R<sub>6</sub> is aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- 5 R<sub>5</sub> is selected from the group consisting of
- (f) C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or more aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;
- 10 wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- 15 wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- 20 (g) C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- (h) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- 25
- Y is one or more optionally present C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted;
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m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the L<sup>1</sup> substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Id); and, n is an integer from 1 to 2.

5 47. The compound of claim 46, wherein

R<sub>1a</sub> is C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

10 R<sub>1b</sub> is C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkylamino, halogen and hydroxy;

15 R<sub>6</sub> is aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

R<sub>5</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

20 (f) C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, aryl' and heteroaryl;

25 wherein said aryl' is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

30 wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

(g) C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently

selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

- 5 (h) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

10 Y is one or two optionally present C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted.

48. A compound selected from the group consisting of:

*N*-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-5-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-benzamide;

5-(4-chlorophenyl)-*N*-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-5-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-2-methyl-3-furancarboxamide;

*N*-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-5-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-2-furancarboxamide;

*N*-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-5-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-propanamide;

*N*-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-5-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-benzenesulfonamide;

4-chloro-*N*-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-5-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-benzenesulfonamide;

*N*-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-5-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-1-butanesulfonamide;

*N*-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-5-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;

*N*-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-5-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-*N'*-phenyl-urea.

*N*-[2-[4-[bis(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]-1-piperazinyl]-5-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]-*N'*-phenyl-urea; and,

4-[4-[bis(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]-1-piperazinyl]-3-[[phenylamino]carbonyl]amino]-benzoic acid methyl ester.

49. A composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient, tableting ingredient or diluent and the compound of claim 1.
50. A method of treating or preventing a disease or condition in a subject which disease or condition is affected by phospholipase modulation, which method comprises administering to the subject in need of such treatment or prevention a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 1.
51. The method of claim 50, wherein the method further comprises administering to the subject in need of such treatment or prevention a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 49.
52. A method of treating or ameliorating an inflammatory disorder in a subject in need thereof comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 1.
53. The method of claim 52, wherein the method further comprises administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 49.
54. A method of treating or ameliorating restenosis in a subject in need thereof comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 1 by impregnating the therapeutically effective amount of said compound on the surface of a medical device and administering the medical device to the subject.
55. The method of claim 54, wherein the method further comprises a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 49 impregnated on the surface of said medical device.